

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2007. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 13, and 15-21 are now present in this case. Claims 1, 5, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 21 are amended. Claims 4, 11, 14, 25-27, 33-36, 39, and 40 are canceled.

The applicants wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the indication that Claims 4-9, 11, 13, and 16-20 would be allowable in independent form. The applicants have amended claim 1 to include the elements of claim 4. Thus, claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 5 has been amended to include the elements of claim 1 and thus, is also in condition for allowance. Claim 10 has also been amended to include the elements of claim 1 and claim 11. Thus, claim 10 is now in condition for allowance. Finally, claim 16 has been amended to include the elements of claim 14, thus placing claim 16 in independent form and in condition for allowance. Claims 15 and 21 have been amended only to change claim dependencies to allowable claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the subject application and its allowance are kindly requested. The applicants have made a good faith effort to place all claims in condition for allowance. If questions remain regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 757-8029.

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